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In re Application of: KARL, Johann *et al.*
Serial No: 09/720,006
Filed: December 19, 2000
For: IMPROVEMENT OF BINDING ASSAYS BY
MULTIEPITOPE ANALYSIS AND BY COMBINING
ANTIGEN AND ANTIBODY DETERMINATION
Art Unit: 1641
Examiner: Kartic Padmanabhan

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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October 1, 2003

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Final Rejection/Official Action dated July 2, 2003, which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expires on October 2, 2003.